Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 9 and replace it with the following:

generate_directory_depfile ("$library_root/$module_name",
"epic_netlist", "\\.epic\$");

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 33, and ending on page 19, line 2 and replace it with the following:

Next the core system invokes the generator for the particular library type 303. The library generator then calls the core system (via generator Utils) to extract dependency information from the synthesis log, RTL results and netlist results. The core system then calls the generator_depfile routines 304 from the relevant parsers for each of the files thereby generating the dependency files.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 10 to read as follows.

10.   (Amended) A computer system arranged to validate data stored in a plurality of data files in a data base each of said data files having an associated file type and being arranged in a plurality of data stores in said data base, wherein at least one of said data files is a data dependent file containing data dependent on data in one or more other files of said data base, said system comprising:

a plurality of file locators each associated with a respective data store in said data base and arranged to identify a first data dependent file in said associated data store and one or more other files in said data base on which said first file is dependent;

a plurality of file readers each associated with a respective file type and each arranged to determine a predetermined parameter for at least one identified file having that associated file type;